

Attention Jean Pearce.

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Dear Jean,

I have just been in contact with Hyogo-Ken
(Prefectural Office - Tel 078-341-7711 - Mr Narita)

Apparantly the Prefecture gets complaints about some
wild boar being aressive, in which case they ask
certain licenced individuals (hunters) to trap them.
The traps are cage-type not leghold according to
Mr Narita. However hunters can use any kind of
trap or gun to 'get game' providing they have a
licence + operate in the 'season'. If a leg hold trap
is placed in a location where people pass + is dangerous
then it is alright to call the police. If you move the
trap you ~~are~~^{may be} accused of stealing.

I get the impression that the Prefecture + probably
Kobe city too are turning a blind eye to what these
professional trappers are doing. I'd like very much
to expose this + Kobe especially would be sensitive
to adverse publicity which I can generate overseas -
(See J.T. p. 4 Feb 2nd - Abused dogs in Nara get stop gap
refuge).

However I need to get evidence - do you happen to
have Richard Gram's phone or fax no. so I can
contact him directly?

Sincerely
Elizabeth Oliver